

**NORTHERN REVENUE SHARING TRUST ACCOUNT**

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 1999**

## NORTHERN MUNICIPAL SERVICES

Northern Municipal Services unit of Community Support Services Branch serves as administrator of northern settlements and recreational subdivisions and provides a link between the Minister of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing and locally elected advisory committees of northern settlements.

The unit fosters the growth and development of northern communities and helps them work toward autonomous municipal status. The unit also assists northern municipalities to carry out their legislative and administrative responsibilities and provides them with advice and guidance in conducting their financial affairs and activities.

The unit is organized into the following two sections:

### Municipal Advisory Services

This section of Northern Municipal Services:

- provides advice, guidance and training to northern officials and the public on northern municipal matters, including administrative procedures, municipal accounting, bylaw enactment and enforcement, property taxation, and assessment;
- ensures that northern municipal governments operate in compliance with provincial statutes and regulations;
- provides monitoring and assistance to communities needing extra help with financial management;
- acts, through the Minister, as the council for 11 northern communities designated as northern settlements, 14 recreational subdivisions, and the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District; and
- provides municipal advisory services to 24 autonomous northern municipal governments.

## Financial Services

- administers the Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account and the department's northern municipal operating, capital, and water and sewer grants programs; and
- provides municipal administration and accounting services for northern settlements and recreational subdivisions.

## Financial Assistance

### Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account

Revenues collected on behalf of northern hamlets and school divisions are transferred to them for their administration.

Revenues not allocated during 1998 were used, in part, to fund the Northern Capital Grants Program, the Northern Municipal Water Assistance Grants Programs, and to supplement funding under the Northern Revenue Sharing Grants Program and the Canada Saskatchewan Infrastructure Works Program.

### Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account Summary of Taxes Levied and Collected

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
Taxes Levied:		
Municipal	\$1,008,966	\$ 953,134
School	3,034,628	3,026,651
Total	\$4,043,594	\$3,979,785
Taxes Collected:		
Municipal	\$1,056,937	\$ 929,779
School	3,017,852	2,972,842
Total	\$4,074,789	\$3,902,621
Tax Collections (as % of Taxes Levied)		
	100.8%	98.1%

**Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account  
Statement of Administrative Expenses for  
the Year Ended December 31, 1999**

Printing and Office Supplies	\$ 8,775
Service Agreements	9,107
Advertising	339
Insurance	661
Management Board Fees and Expenses	35,695
Other Fees and Services	3,614
Tax Discounts and Related Costs	42,452
Capital Expenditures	19,056
Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management Administration Charges	430,000
Saskatchewan Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing Administration Charge	200,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$749,699</b>

**Northern Revenue Sharing Grants Program**

- provides operational funding assistance to northern municipalities.

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
Grant Payments:		
Towns	\$ 551,084	\$ 551,084
Northern Villages	3,587,533	3,587,534
Northern Hamlets	806,070	806,070
	<u>\$4,944,687</u>	<u>\$4,944,688</u>
Allocated to:		
Northern Settlements	614,833	625,356
Flin Flon Boundary Agreement	29,799	32,813
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,589,319</b>	<b>\$5,602,857</b>

**Northern Capital Grants Program**

- provides funding assistance to northern municipalities to assist them in the construction or upgrading of municipal facilities, and to acquire furniture, fixtures, and equipment.

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
Number of Projects Funded:		
Towns	1	5
Northern Villages	26	36
Northern Hamlets	8	4
Northern Settlements	14	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>49</b>	<b>73</b>

Grant Payments:

Towns	\$ 19,701	\$ 144,337
Northern Villages	579,674	1,311,397
Northern Hamlets	<u>153,908</u>	<u>25,985</u>
	753,283	1,481,719
Allocated to Northern Settlements	141,342	99,498
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 894,625</b>	<b>\$1,581,217</b>

**Northern Water Assistance Grants Programs**

**Northern New Facilities Grants Program**

- northern municipalities lacking conventional water and sewer systems are eligible for funding under this program;
- approved projects receive 100 percent funding for the design and construction of new water and sewer facilities or for the replacement of existing water and sewer mains.

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
Number of Projects Funded:		
Northern Villages	-	2
Northern Hamlets	1	1
Northern Settlements	1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
Grant Payments:		
Northern Villages	\$ -	\$ 960,315
Northern Hamlets	<u>547,010</u>	<u>2,445</u>
	547,010	962,760
Allocated to		
Northern Settlements	<u>23,517</u>	<u>1,139</u>
Total	<u>\$ 570,527</u>	<u>\$ 963,899</u>

#### Northern Water and Sewer Upgrading Grants Program

- northern municipalities that have water and sewer systems are eligible for funding under this program;
- approved projects receive funding of up to 79 percent of the total project cost for expansion or upgrading of existing water and sewer facilities.

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
Number of Projects Funded:		
Towns	1	2
Northern Villages	19	21
Northern Hamlets	-	3
Total	<u>20</u>	<u>26</u>

#### Grant Payments:

Towns	\$ 1,130	\$1,198,870
Northern Villages	1,353,719	1,224,069
Northern Hamlets	-	206,915
Sask Water Corporation	-	27,456
Water & Sewer Study	<u>77,508</u>	<u>243,459</u>
Total	<u>\$1,432,357</u>	<u>\$2,900,769</u>

#### Canada/Saskatchewan Infrastructure Works Program

##### Per Capita Grant

- provides additional grant assistance equal to one-third of the funding assistance approved under the infrastructure works program for construction or upgrading of municipal facilities in northern municipalities.

	<u>1998</u>	<u>1999</u>
Number of Projects Funded:		
Towns	3	2
Northern Villages	14	7
Northern Hamlets	7	2
Northern Settlements	14	2
Total	<u>38</u>	<u>13</u>

#### Grant Payments:

Towns	\$ 85,217	\$ 63,200
Northern Villages	321,051	73,217
Northern Hamlets	<u>49,325</u>	<u>5,510</u>
	455,593	141,927
Allocated to		
Northern Settlements	<u>30,741</u>	<u>15,969</u>
Total	<u>\$ 486,334</u>	<u>\$ 157,896</u>

### Schedule of Payments

Reported by payee are payments of grants, salaries and honorariums, and of other expenses of \$2,000.00 or more made during the year

#### Grants

AIR RONGE, NORTHERN VILLAGE OF	468,751.54
BEAR CREEK, NORTHERN SETTLEMENT OF	51,052.28
BEAUVAL, NORTHERN VILLAGE OF	437,428.59
BLACK POINT, NORTHERN SETTLEMENT OF	76,592.09
BRABANT LAKE, NORTHERN SETTLEMENT OF	93,083.31
BUFFALO NARROWS, NORTHERN VILLAGE OF	847,438.15
CAMSELL PORTAGE, NORTHERN SETTLEMENT OF	50,033.34
COLE BAY, NORTHERN VILLAGE OF	105,944.04
CREIGHTON, TOWN OF	273,038.54
CUMBERLAND HOUSE, NORTHERN VILLAGE OF	1,260,947.04
DENARE BEACH, NORTHERN VILLAGE OF	541,394.58
DESCHARME LAKE, NORTHERN SETTLEMENT OF	53,668.55
DORE LAKE, NORTHERN HAMLET OF	97,694.09
GARSON LAKE, NORTHERN SETTLEMENT OF	48,890.63
GREEN LAKE, NORTHERN VILLAGE OF	462,613.15
ILE A LA CROSSE, NORTHERN VILLAGE OF	782,871.17
JANS BAY, NORTHERN VILLAGE OF	111,671.73
LA LOCHE, NORTHERN VILLAGE OF	955,298.06
LA RONGE, TOWN OF	1,686,452.77
MICHEL VILLAGE, NORTHERN HAMLET OF	103,863.41
MISSINIPÉ, NORTHERN HAMLET OF	71,876.22
PATUANAK, NORTHERN HAMLET OF	105,594.45
PELICAN NARROWS, NORTHERN VILLAGE OF	321,139.99
PINEHOUSE, NORTHERN VILLAGE OF	287,422.64
SANDY BAY, NORTHERN VILLAGE OF	586,610.18
SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN COMMUNITIES	175,000.00
SLED LAKE, NORTHERN SETTLEMENT OF	52,540.60
SOUTHEND, NORTHERN SETTLEMENT OF	43,092.50
ST. GEORGE'S HILL, NORTHERN HAMLET OF	83,813.54
STANLEY MISSION, NORTHERN SETTLEMENT OF	89,802.70
STONY RAPIDS, NORTHERN HAMLET OF	108,724.28
TIMBER BAY, NORTHERN HAMLET OF	95,205.56
TURNOR LAKE, NORTHERN HAMLET OF	106,134.80
URANIUM CITY, NORTHERN SETTLEMENT OF	242,184.20
WEYAKWIN, NORTHERN HAMLET OF	283,019.37
WOLLASTON LAKE, NORTHERN SETTLEMENT OF	102,022.13
SASKATCHEWAN WATER CORPORATION (unallocated)	27,456.42
NORTHERN WATER & SEWER STUDY	243,458.70
FLIN FLON, CITY OF (MAN./SASK. BOUNDARY AGREEMENT)	32,813.06

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11,566,638.40

**Salaries, benefits and honorariums**

AUGIER, DELBERT	19,314.70
AUGIER, ROBERT	28,280.88
BELANGER, MARGARET	15,533.11
BURLAKA, STEVE J.	14,701.10
GUETRE, EPHREM	6,051.66
HERMAN, JASON J.	5,599.08
HERMAN, KENNETH H.	2,112.77
JANVIER, ALLISTAIR J.	5,361.57
JANVIER, JACKIE E.	2,760.41
LAPRISE, CASEY J.	5,775.63
LAPRISE, DORA B.	5,601.89
MCKENZIE, CHARLES	4,428.21
MCLEOD, HARRY D.	2,493.87
MCLEOD, IRVINE T.	11,827.04
MCLEOD, JOYCE T.	4,130.14
MCLEOD, SILAS E.	2,493.87
MERASTY, RODERICK C.	17,650.68
MOISE, GEORGE S.	4,961.66
PICHE, RICKY P.	3,078.93
POWDER, ERNESTINE J.	6,635.59
SYLVESTRE, ANTOINE H.	6,095.85
SYLVESTRE, CHARLOTTE	2,012.66
TOULEJOUR, KEVIN J.	4,961.66
TOULEJOUR, PERCY E.	6,104.74
Payments of salaries, benefits and honorariums of less than \$2,000.00	<u>73,688.32</u>

261,656.02

**Other payments**

A. FRAME CONTRACTING LTD.	45,537.24
AIR-SASK AVIATION 1991	6,403.85
AL ANDERSON'S SOURCE FOR SPORT	2,051.84
ATHABASCA STORE	2,637.81
ATHABASKA AIRWAYS LTD.	3,945.91
AUGIER, ROBERT	6,036.04
AUTO-ADMINISTRATOR INTERNATIONAL INC.	7,538.37
BAERG HOLDINGS LTD.	2,281.05
BROWN, HENRY	3,841.30
CAMSELL PORTAGE SCHOOL	3,452.23
CAN AM OUTFITTERS LTD.	3,909.67
CANCOM	7,650.61
CLEARWATER REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORP.	5,000.00
EARTHVISIONS SYSTEMS LTD.	15,226.78
ECONO LUMBER	5,804.28
FARM & GARDEN CENTRE OF SASKATOON LTD.	2,744.26
FEDERATED CO-OPERATIVES LTD.	318,185.59
FONOS, JOHNATHON	9,132.48
HATCHET LAKE INDIAN BAND	8,495.80

HERMAN, DEAN	7,854.11
HOLTORF, LYNN	3,202.50
HUMBOLDT ELECTRIC LTD.	2,125.02
HUSKY OIL MARKETING COMPANY	130,961.91
ICG PROPANE INC.	3,516.73
J & E SPORTING GOODS LTD.	3,473.67
JACKSON AIR SERVICE LTD.	4,061.25
KNUDSON CONCRETE LTD.	4,108.80
LA LOCHE AIRWAYS LTD.	12,727.00
LA LOCHE FUEL BAR INC.	2,351.51
LAKELAND FORD	20,021.64
LAKESHORE SERVICE	5,738.22
LAZAR EQUIPMENT LTD.	2,315.22
LECUYER WELDING & MACHINE	4,635.22
LEISURE SPORT CENTRE	4,650.99
MCLEOD, IRVINE	2,567.50
MCLEOD'S MAINTENANCE	2,372.50
MEADOW POWER & EQUIPMENT LTD.	12,642.82
METHY CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE CORPORATION	20,597.50
MINISTER OF FINANCE	213,473.43
MONES & ASSOCIATES	29,964.00
MONTREAL LAKE INDIAN BAND	2,000.00
NAGYL CONSTRUCTION SERVICES	3,526.72
NORTHWEST DIGITAL INC.	19,333.05
OFFICE DEPOT CANADA	4,124.62
P.R. SERVICE CO. LTD.	2,121.58
PETER BALLANTYNE CREE NATION	3,150.00
PETIT'S LUMBER & HARDWARE LTD.	3,181.33
PETIT, FRANK	9,259.06
PIPPIN TECHNICAL SERVICE LTD.	20,667.05
POINTS NORTH FREIGHT	3,882.27
PRINCE ALBERT CO-OP ASSN. LTD.	3,640.67
SASKATCHEWAN ASSESSMENT MANAGEMENT AGENCY	35,015.75
SASKATCHEWAN ASSOCIATION OF NORTHERN COMMUNITIES	11,000.00
SASKATCHEWAN ENVIRONMENT AND RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	430,000.00
SASKATCHEWAN GOVERNMENT INSURANCE	5,152.00
SASKATCHEWAN WORKERS' COMPENSATION BOARD	3,676.15
SASK. POWER	91,003.40
SASK. TEL.	35,353.72
SASKATOON BOILER MFG. CO. LTD.	6,820.46
SHELL CANADA PRODUCTS LIMITED	116,932.50
STANLEY MISSION INDOOR RINK	50,000.00
SUPREME OFFICE PRODUCTS LTD.	2,604.85
SYLVESTRE, JOHN	3,898.65
T & P WOOD PROCESSORS	19,260.00
TAD RADIO OF CANADA INC.	2,212.76
THE NORTH WEST COMPANY INC.	3,106.10
TOULEJOUR, ARCHIE	3,067.16
TRI-CITY SURVEYS LTD.	8,460.00
TRUE VALUE	11,275.60
URANIUM CITY BULK FUEL LTD.	77,201.68
URDEL LIMITED	24,186.59

VAN WATERS & ROGERS LTD.	12,794.62
WADIN BAY CABIN OWNERS' ASSOCIATION	2,116.50
WEYAKWIN LAKE COTTAGE OWNERS' ASSOCIATION	4,209.46
WIC PREMIUM TELEVISION LTD.	4,939.59
WOLLASTON CO-OPERATIVE LIMITED	2,086.37
Payments of other expenses of less than \$2,000.00	<u>182,482.79</u>
	<u>2,182,979.70</u>



## MANAGEMENT'S REPORT

The accompanying financial statements, and related financial information contained in this Annual Report, have been prepared by management, using accounting principles appropriate for the public sector. Management is responsible for the integrity, objectivity and reliability of the financial statements.

Management of the Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account has established and maintains a system of internal controls, providing assurance that transactions are recorded and executed in compliance with legislation and authority, assets are safeguarded, there is an effective segregation of duties and responsibilities, and reliable records are maintained.

The Provincial Auditor has examined the Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account's financial statements. The Auditor's Report to the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan expresses an independent opinion of fairness of presentation of the Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account's financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.



Gerald D. Stinson, Director  
Northern Municipal Services  
Community Support Services Branch  
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**NORTHERN REVENUE SHARING TRUST ACCOUNT**

**FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**For the Year Ended December 31, 1999**



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### AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of the Legislative Assembly of Saskatchewan

I have audited the statement of financial position of the Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account as at December 31, 1999 and the statements of revenues, expenditures and net assets, and cash flows for the year then ended. The Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account's management is responsible for preparing these financial statements for Treasury Board's approval. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that I plan and perform an audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation.

In my opinion, these financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account as at December 31, 1999 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Regina, Saskatchewan  
March 3, 2000

G. F. Wendel, CMA, CA  
Acting Provincial Auditor

## Statement 1

**NORTHERN REVENUE SHARING TRUST ACCOUNT**  
**STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION**  
**As at December 31**

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
<b>Financial assets</b>		
Cash and temporary investments	\$ 19,644,847	\$ 19,270,735
Accounts receivable (Note 4)	775,014	1,602,524
Inventory held for resale	420,395	426,274
Prepaid expenditures	115,763	110,326
Land held for resale	14,910	6,450
	<u>\$ 20,970,929</u>	<u>\$ 21,416,309</u>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
Unearned revenue	\$ 1,594,580	\$ 1,505,016
Transfers payable	1,443,987	1,510,369
Accounts payable	404,839	639,137
Revenues collected for others	129,143	118,556
	<u>\$ 3,572,549</u>	<u>\$ 3,773,078</u>
<b>Net assets (Note 8)</b>	<u>\$ 17,398,380</u>	<u>\$ 17,643,231</u>
Tangible capital assets (Note 5)		
Commitments (Note 6)		

(see accompanying notes to the financial statements)

## Statement 2

**NORTHERN REVENUE SHARING TRUST ACCOUNT**  
**STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES AND NET ASSETS**  
**For the Year Ended December 31**

		1999	1998
	Budget (Note 7)	Actual	Actual
Revenues:			
Transfers (Note 10)	\$ 6,021,829	\$ 5,992,944	\$ 7,020,885
Lease fees	4,017,769	4,026,487	3,921,611
Taxation	960,658	945,475	1,008,967
Interest	743,541	924,598	762,944
Land and capital asset sales	558,718	118,693	1,607,472
Utility and fuel supply sales	581,720	646,811	206,553
Other	42,157	103,068	40,948
	<u>12,926,392</u>	<u>12,758,076</u>	<u>14,569,380</u>
Expenditures: (Note 9)			
Transfers:			
Northern revenue sharing	5,149,741	5,176,501	4,952,163
Water and sewer	5,300,000	3,863,528	1,286,572
Infrastructure	191,200	157,897	486,334
Northern capital	1,153,855	1,481,719	754,525
Tangible capital asset expenditures	405,240	200,768	1,155,516
Municipal Services:			
General government	1,002,766	904,125	822,886
Transportation services	276,370	186,232	209,064
Utilities and fuel operating costs	607,800	684,558	270,337
Community projects	152,146	108,743	94,323
Recreation and cultural	194,450	96,176	98,563
Environmental	152,911	113,506	119,964
Protective services	18,550	10,859	4,791
Public health and welfare	28,044	697	2,841
Bad debt provision	40,350	17,618	38,506
	<u>14,673,423</u>	<u>13,002,927</u>	<u>10,296,385</u>
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	<u>\$ (1,747,031)</u>	(244,851)	4,272,995
Net assets, beginning of year		<u>17,643,231</u>	<u>13,370,236</u>
Net assets, end of year		<u>\$ 17,398,380</u>	<u>\$ 17,643,231</u>

(see accompanying notes to the financial statements)

**NORTHERN REVENUE SHARING TRUST ACCOUNT**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**Year Ended December 31**

**Statement 3**

	<u>1999</u>	<u>1998</u>
Cash provided by (used in):		
Operating Activities:		
(Deficit)/surplus for the year	\$ (244,851)	\$ 4,272,995
Change in non-cash working capital:		
Decrease (increase) in accounts receivable	827,510	(452,342)
Decrease (increase) in inventory	5,879	(426,274)
(Increase) in prepaid expenditures	(5,437)	(978)
(Increase) in land held for resale	(8,460)	(1,200)
Increase in unearned revenue	89,564	85,476
(Decrease) increase in transfers payable	(66,382)	165,905
(Decrease) increase in accounts payable	(234,298)	284,868
Increase (decrease) in revenues collected for others	<u>10,587</u>	<u>(11,408)</u>
Cash provided by operating activities	<u>374,112</u>	<u>3,917,042</u>
Cash and temporary investments, beginning of year	<u>19,270,735</u>	<u>15,353,693</u>
Cash and temporary investments, end of year	<u>\$ 19,644,847</u>	<u>\$ 19,270,735</u>

(see accompanying notes to the financial statements)

**NORTHERN REVENUE SHARING TRUST ACCOUNT  
NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS  
December 31, 1999**

**1. Authority**

The Northern Revenue Sharing Trust Account (NRSTA) was established by section 287 of *The Northern Municipalities Act* (Act). NRSTA administers all revenues relating to the Northern Saskatchewan Administration District. This district is a geographic area in Northern Saskatchewan excluding towns, northern villages and northern hamlets. NRSTA also administers all monies appropriated by the Legislature for the purposes of issuing northern revenue sharing and northern capital transfers to northern municipalities.

**2. Significant Accounting Policies**

These financial statements are prepared using accounting principles appropriate for the public sector. The following policies are considered to be significant:

a) Basis of Accounting

The financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting.

b) Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets are recorded as an expenditure when acquired.

c) Inventory Held for Resale

Inventory held for resale is valued at the lower of average cost and net realizable value.

d) Tax Enforcement Properties

Properties acquired through the tax enforcement process are recorded at the lower of the outstanding taxes and the net realizable value.

e) Revenues Collected for Others

Pursuant to the Act, NRSTA collects taxes for northern hamlets and northern school divisions. Taxes levied on behalf of northern hamlets and northern school divisions are not considered revenue of NRSTA and are not reflected in the statement of revenues, expenditures and net assets. These taxes are remitted to the respective entities when received.

f) Transfers

Transfers are recognized as expenditures when grants and/or projects are approved and the recipient has met eligibility criteria.

g) Unearned Revenue

Unearned revenue is revenue that will be earned in a subsequent fiscal year and includes Crown lease fees.

**3. Financial Instruments**

NRSTA's financial instruments include cash, temporary investments, accounts receivable, prepaid expenditures, transfers payable, accounts payable and revenues collected for others. The fair value of these instruments approximate carrying value due to their immediate or short-term nature. The interest rates on the short-term deposits range from 3.50% to 5.25%.

**4. Accounts Receivable**

	1999	1998
Due from General Revenue Fund (Note 10)	\$ 16,326	\$ 832,223
Accrued interest	322,999	368,828
Receivable from Federal Government (GST)	77,112	47,303
Crown lease fees	16,312	103,795
Taxes	23,783	26,048
Other	318,482	224,327
	<u>\$ 775,014</u>	<u>\$ 1,602,524</u>

**5. Tangible Capital Assets**

	Cost 1998	Additions	Disposals	Cost 1999
Land	\$ 53,685	\$ 5,587	\$ ---	\$ 59,272
Buildings	3,743,381	15,360	---	3,758,761
Equipment	4,133,205	178,661	33,828	4,278,038
Water & sewer facilities	1,961,879	1,140	---	1,963,019
	<u>\$ 9,892,150</u>	<u>\$ 200,768</u>	<u>\$ 33,828</u>	<u>\$ 10,059,090</u>

Reporting policies are currently being developed, and information being gathered on the useful lives of tangible capital assets. Accordingly, accumulated amortization and net book value of tangible capital assets are not reported in these financial statements.

**6. Commitments**

As at December 31, 1999, NRSTA is committed to funding northern capital and water and sewer projects. These commitments total \$5,663,992 (1998 - \$8,420,525).

**7. Budget**

The budget was approved by the Deputy Minister of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing.



## 8. Northern Settlements and Recreational Subdivisions

Included in the District are Northern Settlements and Recreational Subdivisions. Under the Act, revenues collected with respect to northern settlements and recreational subdivisions must be used for the benefit of the respective communities and are not available for general purposes. The Act specifies that revenues derived from the sale of Crown land within the boundaries of a northern settlement are to be expended on capital works in that northern settlement. The Act also specifies that the revenue derived from the sale of capital assets must be spent on capital works.

Following is additional information on revenues, expenditures and net assets of northern settlements, recreational subdivisions and capital works:

	1999				1998
	Northern Settlements	Recreational Subdivisions	Capital Works	Total	Total
<b>Revenues:</b>					
Transfers					
Northern revenue sharing	\$ 786,356	\$ ---	\$ ---	\$ 786,356	\$ 637,156
Uranium City fuel supply	---	---	---	---	1,500,000
Northern capital	99,498	---	---	99,498	140,100
Infrastructure	47,907	---	---	47,907	90,084
Water and sewer	1,140	---	---	1,140	23,517
Other	67,976	---	---	67,977	44,801
Utilities and fuel sales	646,811	---	---	646,810	206,553
Lease fees	31,092	---	---	31,092	24,757
Taxation	22,174	61,992	---	84,166	89,242
Interest	79,236	18,525	---	97,761	77,262
Land and capital asset sales	---	---	32,960	32,960	5,782
Other	88,096	1,430	---	89,526	31,619
	<u>1,870,286</u>	<u>81,947</u>	<u>32,960</u>	<u>1,985,193</u>	<u>2,870,873</u>
<b>Expenditures:</b>					
Capital asset expenditures	174,453	7,259	---	181,712	1,152,569
Municipal Services:					
General government	172,431	6,400	---	178,831	122,429
Transportation	155,317	30,916	---	186,233	209,064
Utility and fuel costs	684,558	---	---	684,558	270,337
Community projects	108,743	---	---	108,743	94,323
Recreation and cultural	89,542	6,633	---	96,175	98,563
Environmental	96,028	17,478	---	113,506	119,964
Protective services	10,139	720	---	10,859	4,790
Public health and welfare	697	---	---	697	2,841
Bad debt provision	10,547	1,722	---	12,269	34,362
	<u>1,502,455</u>	<u>71,128</u>	<u>---</u>	<u>1,573,583</u>	<u>2,109,242</u>
Surplus for the year	367,831	10,819	32,960	411,610	761,631
Net assets, beginning of year	1,719,092	314,173	158,940	2,192,205	1,456,442
Transfers	---	---	---	---	(25,868)
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 2,086,923</u>	<u>\$ 324,992</u>	<u>\$ 191,900</u>	<u>\$ 2,603,815</u>	<u>\$ 2,192,205</u>
Net assets are represented by:					
Cash and temporary investments	\$ 1,581,000	\$ 368,325	\$ 191,900	\$ 2,141,225	\$ 1,800,991
Inventory held for resale	420,395	---	---	420,395	426,274
Accounts receivable	176,784	19,625	---	196,409	327,535
Accounts payable	(91,256)	(62,958)	---	(154,214)	(362,595)
Net assets, end of year	<u>\$ 2,086,923</u>	<u>\$ 324,992</u>	<u>\$ 191,900</u>	<u>\$ 2,603,815</u>	<u>\$ 2,192,205</u>

## 9. Expenditures by Object

	1999		1998
	Budget	Actual	Actual
Transfers	\$ 11,794,796	\$ 10,679,645	\$ 7,479,594
Operating costs	1,542,466	1,537,516	1,097,441
Tangible capital asset expenditures	405,240	200,768	1,155,516
Salaries and benefits	334,760	240,684	225,215
Other	596,161	344,314	338,619
	<u>\$ 14,673,423</u>	<u>\$ 13,002,927</u>	<u>\$ 10,296,385</u>

## 10. Related Party Transactions

Included in these financial statements are transactions with various Saskatchewan Crown corporations, departments, agencies, boards and commissions related to NRSTA by virtue of common control or significant influence by the Government of Saskatchewan (collectively referred to as "related parties").

Routine operating transactions with related parties are settled on normal trade terms. The following table summarizes the routine related party transactions for the year:

	1999	1998
Revenues	\$ 10,138	\$ 6,598
Expenditures	340,938	392,705
Accounts receivable	16,326	98,987
Accounts payable	199,045	319,224

In addition, NRSTA pays Saskatchewan Education and Health tax to the Saskatchewan Department of Finance on all its taxable purchases. Taxes paid are recorded as part of the cost of those purchases.

Other transactions with related parties and amounts due to or from them are described separately in these financial statements and notes.

NRSTA received the following transfers from related parties during the year:

	1999	1998
General Revenue Fund		
- Department of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing	\$ 5,933,908	\$ 6,976,084
- Department of Health	3,503	22,420
New Careers	46,614	9,451
Saskatchewan Lotteries	8,919	12,930
	<u>\$ 5,992,944</u>	<u>\$ 7,020,885</u>

NRSTA administers the Department of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing's Infrastructure Works Program for Northern Municipalities. These monies received and disbursed for towns, northern villages and northern hamlets are not considered revenues or expenditures of NRSTA. During the year, NRSTA received \$884,360 (1998 - \$405,267), of which \$832,223 was recorded as receivable in 1998, from the General Revenue Fund and

disbursed \$52,137 (1998 - \$1,237,490) on behalf of towns, northern villages and northern hamlets.

The Department of Environment and Resource Management (DERM) is responsible for administering Crown land within the District. Therefore, Crown land is not reflected on the statement of financial position. However, in accordance with the Northern Crown Land Disposition Regulations and the Act, NRSTA is entitled to receive all proceeds from Crown land sales and leases within the District. During the year, DERM charged NRSTA \$430,000 (1998 - \$430,000) for administration of Crown lease fees and Crown land sales.

An annual administration charge of \$200,000 has been established by the Department of Municipal Affairs, Culture and Housing to offset its expenses for administering NRSTA. At December 31, 1999, \$150,000 (1998 - \$150,000) remains unpaid and has been recorded as an accounts payable on the statement of financial position.

#### **11. Uncertainty due to the Year 2000 Issue**

The Year 2000 Issue arises because many computerized systems use two digits rather than four to identify a year. Date-sensitive systems may recognize the year 2000 as 1900 or some other date, resulting in errors when information using year 2000 dates is processed. In addition, similar problems may arise in some systems which use certain dates in 1999 to represent something other than that date. Although the change in date has occurred, it is not possible to conclude that all aspects of the Year 2000 Issue that may affect the entity, including those related to customers, suppliers, or other third parties, have been fully resolved.